

# The Scarlet Letters

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## "Draft-Aid": Opposition Strong

### ENFORCEMENT DECLARED DISCRIMINATORY

Kelli Willingham

"Discrimination" was GCC President Provo's description of the new Draft law. The law requires all males born after December 21, 1959, not currently engaged in active military duty, to register for the Draft. Those who fail to comply will be subject to criminal prosecution and will be refused all federal financial aid for higher education. College administrations which fail to enforce this law may lose federal aid altogether.

This law, signed by President Reagan in September and released in January, is being opposed on grounds of discrimination by many organizations on national, state, and college levels.

The American Council on Education has filed a Freedom of Information Act request with the Dept. of Education, calling for the release of federal documents and records used in drawing up the regulations which bar aid to those students. ACE General Council's Sheldon Steinbach wrote, "Without understanding the basis of the legal and factual conclusions . . . it is most difficult

for the council and other members of the public to submit responsive comments."

In Massachusetts, Presidents from 27 of the 29 public state colleges and universities voted unanimously to endorse repeal of the law. Greenfield Community College was not counted in this vote, since President Provo was unable to attend. However, in a recent interview with The Scarlet Letters, Provo said he was in support of the repeal and spoke out against this law. "It is opening up a Pandora's Box. If we allow this to happen, there is no telling how far the government will go."

Opposition also has come from Chancellor of Public Higher Education, John B. Duff, who said, "It . . . singles out a group of students who are in need of financial aid. Students of independent means will not be required to prove their registration!"

Greenfield Community College students and Senate members are also speaking out against this law. (see related story)

A suite challenging the constitutionality of the law, is pending in the Supreme Court.

### STUDENT SENATE OPPOSES LAW: PLANS FOR ACTION

Greenfield Community College Student Senate members voted unanimously on several proposals which stemmed from the law requiring students to register for the draft in order to receive federal financial aid. The proposals, put forth by Scarlet Letters Editor Scot Frampton, included an endorsement of repeal of the amendment signed by Pres. Reagan, and the forwarding of copies of the repeal endorsement to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy as well as the local media.

Using the draft/aid issue as an example of the lack of an audible student voice, Frampton called attention to the absence of a central student government expressing the need for national

representation of colleges and universities. The Senate agreed to initiate a central student government movement by contacting other Senates in the state and presenting the idea at the National Student Senate Convention to be held April 4, 5, and 6 at Berkshire College. Frampton has also sent letters to Editors of 9 Community Colleges within the state requesting coverage and support of the central government movement and the draft/aid issue. Frampton is one of a growing number of people who feel the draft/aid amendment will signal the start of a trend in which colleges would be used as a police force to attain government objectives.

### Ethel Dow Wells' Scholarships Awarded

Sixteen Greenfield Community College students have been awarded scholarships by the Greenfield Community College Foundation, made possible by a grant from The Ethel Dow Wells Foundation. The awards made to students at the College on the basis of need and a strong aca-

demic record were awarded to: Joan P. Carney, a nursing student; Priscilla Cassin, nursing; William G. Cole, liberal arts; Shane M. Devine, special student; Linda L. Macy, Criminal Justice; Ada T. Milton, Liberal Arts/Data Processing Concentration; Peter L. Morrissey, Liberal Arts; and Sandra Williams, Management; all from Greenfield.

Others receiving awards were: Pamela Bailey, Division of Continuing Education, from New Salem; Steven Crockett, Division of Continuing Education, from Hadley; Jana L. Gallup, Liberal Arts/Math/Science Concentration, from Colrain; Shelly I. Hatch, Accounting Major, from Warwick; Janet A. Lowell, Nursing, from Shelburne Falls; Tami Jane Nelson, Leadership Development in Recreation and Human Services, Heath; Darlene B. Clark, Liberal Arts, and Karen L. Racin, Liberal Arts/Business Administration Concentration, both from Turners Falls.

Mrs. Ethel Dow Wells established her foundation more than twenty years ago to aid students from Franklin County. For many years, Mrs. Wells managed the foundation, studying the requests that came to her and choosing those persons whom she felt had the greatest need. The Foundations created by both Mrs. Wells and her husband have literally aided hundreds of students in the Franklin County area.

## Mass. PIRG Comes To GCC

The statewide MASS PIRG Organization (Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group) has begun organizing a campaign to start a chapter on the GCC campus this semester to encourage student activism in community politics.

Kathy Moody, a MASS PIRG organizer from Amherst, has been visiting the campus weekly to build student support. After meetings and class visits to provide information and to answer questions, she is "very optimistic" that there is strong support for a MASS PIRG chapter on campus.

To form a chapter there must be support from at least 51% of the student population. To gain this support, the organizing committee must be recognized by the Student Senate at which time they will begin a petition campaign to educate students about MASS PIRG. Next, the committee will file a referendum on the support at GCC. Eleven other colleges and universities in the state already have chapters.

MASS PIRG was formed 11 years ago by Ralph Nader, who saw a need to channel the energy and conscientiousness of a generation fed up with the Vietnam War, crooked politics, and

racism. Demonstrations, riots, and sit-ins had displayed their concern for the political and social problems of the times. MASS PIRG enables students to organize and work within the system and has proved that young people can use their intelligence, thoughtfulness, and energy to organize and work towards a better future.

MASS PIRG educates students and the public about current consumer, environmental, and social issues and has been called a "lobby for the people." They have taken positions on energy, hazardous waste, consumer fraud, and the Mass. Bottle Bill. They

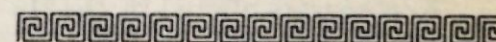
also offer "Legislative Internship Programs" in which students can earn credit for working on projects with their PIRG chapters.

Wesley Esser, a GCC Student Senator, plans to "put in as much time as possible" in the chapter at GCC. He feels the students will benefit from an "excellent addition" to the college learning experience in which students can apply their classroom theories. He sees MASS PIRG as an opportunity for students to "gain a sense of self worth" and be able to say "I can make a difference. I can have a say in what happens to me . . . I've tried."

### Snow Blind At GCC

Many students and faculty members were upset over the late decision to cancel classes on February 7. With 12-15 inches of snow, driving was extremely difficult if not impossible. President Provo addressed this issue at the All College Meeting noon on February 28 stating "We contact many people to determine the situation to help make a just decision. 1-3 inches had been the forecast." While snow was piling up Pres. Provo was at UMass and

did not learn of the impact of the storm until Merryl Sackin was able to contact him, at which time classes were cancelled. Provo said, "I acted on information I had at the time, unfortunately it was wrong. If there is ever a question of safety, you should opt for safety, and I will back you up." He also said that he will not consider a few inches of snow reason for missing classes or work and that his policy should not be abused.



To Mrs. Howland, Director of Learning Resources, we extend our most sincere thanks for all her assistance with our research in the College Archives.



# Around Campus

## Student Senate Elections

The spring Senate elections will be held on Tuesday, March 29th, and Wednesday, March 30th. The polls will be set up in front of the cafeteria from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on both days. There is no voter registration—just being a registered day student makes you eligible. Even if you are taking a one credit course load—**VOTE!**

The positions open this spring are the presidency (presides over all meetings) and four representatives (attend all meetings).

It only takes a moment to vote. Be sure to look at the photos of the candidates and read their statements, positioned by the polls, to help you make your decisions.

## Competitive Speech

If you have a knack for persuasion, enjoy acting, or would like to explain a phenomenon, if you think quickly, write well, or just want to go to poughkeepsie, the GCC competitive speech team needs you! For the last two years we have been represented at the Intercollegiate Competition in New York State in very small numbers, but brought home more than our share of trophies. This April we hope to bring more people and show the rest of the east coast what Greenfield is made of. Participation in College Debate or Competitive speech is a very prestigious part of a good resume, and the experience itself is both valuable and fun! For more information, please contact Fred Agnir of the Speech Department or Linda Brooks, Student President of the team.

## Student Senate Action

GCC Student Senate President David Phoenix and Representative Amy West will be representing the college at the hearing which we brought to the Senates attention Monday, March 7 by Scarlet Letters News Editor Kelli Scillingham who will be covering the hearing for the newspaper. Senate members voted to supply the monies for the one day trip.

## P.V.S. Programs

Pioneer Valley Studies at Greenfield Community College will sponsor a series of four programs at the Weldon Senior Center in Greenfield.

On March 15, Dr. Donald Benander, P.V.S. Administrative Assistant, will present a slide-tape show which describes all the courses available in Pioneer Valley Studies. The show highlights familiar sites from many of the area's towns and villages. Dr. Arthur Shaw will speak on March 29. His talk will focus on the Valley's economic and industrial history, with particular emphasis on Franklin County.

GCC professors Virginia Low and Richard Little will speak on April 12 and April 26 respectively. Ms. Low will discuss the history of women in the Pioneer Valley and their special contributions to the development of the region. Mr. Little will show slides and talk about the Valley's unique geology.

These programs will be held on the above Tuesday from 1-2:30 p.m. in the general meeting room at the Weldon Senior Center and are open to the general public. There will be no charge.

## New Computer Course

As more and more teachers are having computers in their classrooms and are finding that they can be used in a variety of ways, the Division of Continuing Education at Greenfield Community College has designed a course to explore the ways computers can be used in classrooms and to survey some of the computer aided instruction programs available in the marketplace.

This one credit course will be held on Mondays from April 18 through May 16 from 4-7 p.m. It will be open to both elementary and middle school teachers but enrollment will be limited because participants will be working directly on the computer.

For registration information, call the Division of Continuing Education, at (413) 774-3131.

## P.V.S. Resumes

## Brown Bag Series

The Pioneer Valley Studies program is once again offering their informal noon time lecture series, "Valley Views". Last semester many students and faculty along with members of the community came to share insights and ideas about life here in the Pioneer Valley. Coffee and tea will be offered . . . If you are interested in presenting a brief talk, contact Ben Drabeck of Donna Kenny. Spring Schedule is available in the Humanities Office.

## College Service Award

The Community Service Medallion is awarded annually to an individual or individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to society with special attention to contributions within the Greenfield Community College service area. Personal or professional service in civic, religious, cultural, medical, educational, or charitable activities are examples of the contributions considered. Nominees for this Spring's Commencement need not have attended GCC. However, only students, staff, faculty and alumni may nominate candidates. Nomination forms are available in President Provo's office and must be returned by March 20.

## HELP!!!

**SCARLET LETTERS** needs typists, reporters, artists, and those interested in graphics. Come share a journalistic learning experience.

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**SCARLET LETTERS** staff meeting Wed. 12-1 N336  
New recruits welcomed!  
This is a student newspaper, please bring your thoughts, ideas, and literary talents!

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I'D LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING  
ABOUT THESE ACID RAIN  
"PROPAGANDA" FILMS.



Date	Activity	Place	Time
March 14	Nursing Club Bake Sale	2nd Floor Core	9 a.m.-1 p.m.
March 16	Annie Get Your Gun—Free For GCC students only	Deerfield Academy	8:30 p.m.
March 18	Cut off date for submission of design for a Pioneer Valley Logo		
March 28	Sign up for New York City Trip	Student Activities	
March 29 & 30	Student Senate Elections	Front Lobby	10 a.m.-1 p.m.
March 30	April Fools Comedy Clips	Student Lounge	12 p.m.
April 5	Film: Myra Breckenridge	Student Lounge	12:15 p.m.
April 6	Improv Myra Comedy Team "Aprams & Anderson"	Back of Cafe	11:45 a.m.
April 8	Project TEME/Vets Dance	St. Kazimier's Turners Falls	8 p.m.
April 12	Concert: Roger Salloom & The Stragglers	Back of Cafeteria	11 a.m.-1 p.m.
April 13	Film: "The Real West"	Student Lounge	12 p.m.
April 15, 16, 17	New York City Trip	New York City	9 a.m.
April 21	Concert: "RTM"	Back of Cafe	11 a.m.
April 27	Concert: Peabody Ragtime Ensemble	Back of Cafe	12 p.m.-1 p.m.
May 13, 14	Spring Weekend	Cafe & Athletic Field	

## New Courses For The Coming Fall

There will be several new course offerings for the Fall semester. Students wishing to register, should do so now to insure their placement for next semester.

New courses offered by the Humanities Division include: Valley/Photography Documentary Project, Interviewing and Transcribing, Advanced Composition, Tutoring Skills in English, Newspaper Journalism, and Fundamentals of Acting.

New courses in the Behavioral

Sciences Division include: Science Fiction and Sociology, Introduction to Psychology (two semester sequence for psychology majors), Abnormal Psychology (change in prerequisite), Theories of Personality, and Aerobics.

Also, the Natural Science Division will be offering an introductory course in Physical Science.

Other courses include Introduction to Early Childhood Education, Introduction to Criminal Justice and Introduction to Recreation and Leisure Services.

**THE GCC THEATRE DEPARTMENT  
IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT  
RICHARD WIZANSKY OF THE ENGLISH DEPT.  
WILL BE TEACHING A VARIETY OF THEATRE  
COURSES THIS FALL:**

**THEATRE COURSES FALL 1983:**

**THEATRE WORKSHOP** THEATRE 133-1 credit  
**FUNDAMENTALS OF ACTING—R. WIZANSKY—**  
M—W—F 1-1:50 THEATRE 113-3 credits

**THE AMERICAN MUSICAL THEATRE—J. GODWIN—**  
M—W—F 10:50 THEATRE 125-3 credits

**THESE COURSES ARE OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS.  
THEATRE 133 CAN BE TAKEN  
UP TO FOUR TIMES:**

For more information students are urged to contact:

H. James Godwin  
Director of Theatre  
C/O Humanities Division



## Senior Citizen News

The senior citizens of Massachusetts are indebted to the Silver Haired Legislature of 1982 for lowering the age to 60 yrs. to be eligible for full scholastic privileges at State and Community Colleges. All at no cost, except for books used in classes. What an opportunity!

Greenfield Community College means lots of things to lots of people. To the Senior Citizen it means the opportunity to finish an Education or the start of a new purpose to their lives.

I'm not sure at this writing how many Senior Citizens are enrolled as part or full time students. On behalf of these Seniors, I want to express our thanks and appreciation to the State of Massachusetts and to G.C.C. for this privilege.

The leadership and Teachers at G.C.C. are "Super". They are encouraging, patient, and understanding. Regular students accept the older generation, and it is not unusual to have "Grandma" in the same class as her grandson.

I hope to bring you news of Senior Activities in future issues. Meantime I will welcome items of interest. Call me at 772-6357.

### Travel Or School?

The Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE) and The Institute of International Education (IEE) offer opportunities for students to travel, learn, or work in foreign countries. The catalogs which they offer give all information needed to take advantage of the many different programs and include facts on costs, student discounts, youth hostels, work programs, work/credit programs, and travel packages.

CIEE offers the "1983 Student Travel Catalog" and Regional Guides which may be obtained by writing to: CIEE Dept. STC 83, 205 E 42nd St., NY NY, 10017. Enclose \$1.00 for postage and handling.

IEE offers "Vacation Study Abroad" and "The Learning Traveler" which can be obtained by writing Communications Division, Box LTS, Institute of International Education, 809 United Nations Plaza, NY NY, 10017 and cost \$9.95 for each book.

### Survey Reveals:

Marriage, Yes—Children, Maybe. Student views on Parenting.

A recent survey, that was conducted in eight New England colleges, indicates that 94% of the students want to marry but that only 87% of them want to have children. Males and females respond in approximately the same percentages. There is a clear concern about the responsibilities parenting implies, which is reflected in the results of this study. About one third of the men questioned said that they would prefer to stay home at least part of the time while their children are small. They realize, however, that their jobs would probably not permit that. The survey was done at Harvard, Radcliffe, Barnard, Smith, Bryn Mawr, Mount Holyoke, Vassar and Wellesley. 900 students participated.

### Financial Aid Proposals

On March 12 a series of public hearings will begin at the State House as four bills regarding financial student aid are brought before the joint committee of House and Senate. They include an Act establishing a Massachusetts Student Assistance Agency (MSAA) to implement and administer student loans, and Act for a scholarship program to provide assistance to needy students, an Act to extend the Massachusetts Honor Scholarship Program which grants full tuition for Massachusetts state college for students obtaining high marks on an examination, and an Act proposing Massachusetts assistance not exceed the students financial need. The hearings will be held in the Gardener Auditorium of the State House and will begin at 11:00.

All religions must be tolerated, for every man must get to heaven in his own way.  
Frederick the Great of Prussia (1712-1786)

### CONCERNING FOREIGN LANGUAGE

A survey of 550 currently enrolled freshman at GCC revealed that 250 of them would enroll in a foreign language course if one were offered. Well, for those of you who want to, the Humanities Division will be offering French and Spanish courses in the Fall of 1983. Course descriptions and numbers are available in the Student Personnel Office anytime.

### Free Writing Advice

Michael Munley, Coordinator of the Writing Center, Division of Continuing Education at UMass/Amherst, will appear at the Holyoke Mall at Ingleside, Saturday, March 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday, March 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 9 p.m., to offer writing advice as a community service to residents of western Massachusetts. Munley, former editor of the North Adams Transcript, will address a variety of writing problems, including: ten ways to start writing any-

thing, how to improve your writing, helping your children to write, writing memos that work and letters that sell, finding a publisher, and what to do with a manuscript.

All consultations are free and one-to-one. Interested writers may want to bring examples of their writing as a basis for discussion.

If a reserved time during these two days is desired, contact the Publications Office, Division of Continuing Education, University of Massachusetts at Amherst: (413) 545-0107.

### British Heritage Conference

Boston University and The British Institute of the United States will present a conference entitled, "The British Heritage in the United States Today" on April 9 and 10, 1983.

British historian Sir John Plumb from Christ's College at Cambridge University, England will deliver the keynote address. The conference will feature lectures that compare American and English language, media, laws and family structures, and will mark the British Institute's inauguration.

In the future, the Institute will sponsor other conferences, symposia and countable discussions to bring specialists in British history and culture closer together. The scope of the Institute's concerns range from poetry to finance, and from industry to demographics.

The program will be held at the University's Law School Auditorium, located at 765 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass. For registration and further information, contact: Rebecca Alssid at (617) 353-4128, 118 Bay State Road or Office of Public Relations

at (617) 353-2399, 19 Deerfield St., Boston, Mass. 02215.

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To the Editor:

I would like to formally address a matter of serious concern to all GCC students and faculty. The issue has been whispered about and buried for far too long. Let me tell you about the GCC Theater productions.

GCC students are all too frequently cast in peripheral roles. Certainly there are exceptions, but when I tried out for ANNIE GET YOUR GUN, the spring musical, I was astonished to discover that many people at the tryouts knew in advance who would be playing the lead roles. This is unprofessional and unacceptable. There is consistently a lack of GCC students in GCC Theater department productions. I do not believe this is due to lack of talent; it is due to the poor reputation that the Theater department here has among students.

The material chosen for shows here is often outdated and overrated. The plays produced here are often too boring to interest anyone. I feel ANNIE GET YOUR GUN is a classic example of a sexist, racist, moralizing distortion of drama. If this material is interesting to audiences in the Greenfield area, then I bow my head in shame. The offering of a free show of ANNIE GET YOUR GUN to GCC students is a token gesture to hide the reality of its worthlessness. Of course a free show would be offered; who in their right mind would spend \$6 on this local silliness?

Another problem area is related to mischosen plays—castability. If you were a theater director at an all girls' school, would you choose a play with nine men? Of course not! Yet plays for this school often contain too many older players (harder to find) or simply too many people. Perhaps the committee that selects what plays will be performed should keep this in mind. It would be advisable to decide on plays with roles more suitable for the supply of talented individuals here at GCC, rather than relying on outside support from Arena Civic Theater actors.

ANNIE GET YOUR GUN is billed as being a GCC Theater Productions/ACT collaboration. Most of the literature I have seen on the subject reflects ACT primarily or entirely: GCC is often left unmentioned. The actors are mostly ACT affiliated as opposed to GCC students or staff. The money is almost entirely supplied by ACT. You may be wondering what this show has to do with GCC. I suppose it provides a convenient rehearsal space at little or no cost. I suppose it provides for a few students who wish to be continually type cast. Oh yes, GCC provides the director.

Yet another related point is poor budget management. The budget for ANTIGONE gave \$220 for a photographer to take production photos. Prints for those involved were available only after considerable additional fees. Was this \$220 merely a sitting fee? Then there is the \$150

Our thanks to Jackie Masson for supplying her time and energy in providing all the photography for February's issue.

# Editorial

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### "The Scarlet Letters" Policy

"The Scarlet Letters" welcome any article submitted for publication. News, features, sports, letters to the editor and fine art items will receive equal attention with regards to suitability determinations. Those who wish to submit items for consideration must be members of the Greenfield Community College community.

All submissions immediately become the property of "The Scar-

let Letters" upon receipt and we reserve the right to edit submissions in preparation for publication.

All submissions must be signed. Authors who do not wish their names to appear in print should advise this to that effect.

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for the poster, over \$400 for backdrop fabric and about \$25 for background music. It seems to me each one of these areas could have been greatly economized by using GCC student talent and resourcefulness.

An organization on campus called the GCC Theatre Club is addressing many of the previously mentioned points by presenting contemporary theater at little or no cost to the student. With anywhere from three to five productions per year, they operate on a trivial \$45 given to them by the Student Senate. This compared to \$1,700 for Theater productions. The Theater Club is proud to use only GCC students and staff in their productions.

This is no place for Broadway exclusivism or totalitarian theater. With 1,600 daytime students and many evening and continuing education students there is no excuse for undercast plays. People are avoiding Theater here for a reason. Getting other faculty members into the Theater department would certainly be a step in the right direction.

Matthew R.A. Stinchfield

To the Editor

This past Friday (Feb. 25th) while setting up for a dance, the Student Activities Director, Merryl Sackin, and a number of Activities Council members, several of whom are also Student Senators, were questioned by an as yet unnamed person about the role of Greenfield Community College in promoting "Communist propaganda" by showing a film entitled "If You Love This Planet" on campus.

The college in general and the Activities Council in particular were berated for being "unknowing Communist agents" for scheduling this film because it factually and graphically deals with the subject of mankind's fate following a thermonuclear war. This person entertained all those within earshot with a bellicose display of anti-freeze hysteria and rhetoric that was totally out of keeping with the sentiments of his listeners. We were accused of subverting the national defense (Reagan Administration) by providing an open forum

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To the Editor

I want it clearly understood that I would not have even bothered to respond if people other than myself were not directly involved.

Matthew's epistle is totally composed of invective, innuendo, ad hominem arguments, opinion, assertions, and gross generalizations. Notice please that there is not one specific concrete example of any wrongdoing.

I have never directed a show that was precast and I challenge Matthew to prove what he so easily asserts. True, some may have guessed correctly, but that does not mean it was precast!

The shows that I have produced and directed at GCC may seem outdated and overrated to Matthew. The only one that he was around GCC to witness on a first-hand basis was ANTIGONE. That is a classic. Then what plays is he talking about and who has overrated them? Who determines that they are "outdated?" What does outdated mean? WHOSE LIFE IS IT ANYWAY? HOT L BALTIMORE, BUTTERFLIES ARE FREE, ALL MY SONS, BEDROOM FARCE, A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM... in my opinion these shows are neither outdated nor overrated!

If I have been criticized by my peers for anything in the past several years, it has been for not doing more productions like ANTIGONE. This play was done as a result of a suggestion from one member of a play-reading committee which I established. I am certainly open to any constructive suggestions.

With regard to ANNIE GET YOUR GUN, all the advertising has billed it as a joint production. In a few news reports that did not mention GCC, it was unintentional and has been corrected. The show was open for all GCC students, faculty and staff. The fact that not many are in this production is because not many tried out! About the only valid statement he makes is that "the money is almost entirely supplied by ACT." That is right. The royalties alone on this one production exceed my total budget for the year by one thousand dollars. The total production costs will be in the neighborhood of ten

## Editorial

As responsible citizens we must obey the law. If, in the event of obeying the law, we discover a law which is unconstitutional, discriminatory, or not in the best common interest of the people, we are obligated to undertake the task of changing that law.

Public Legislation 97-252, or the "draft-aid link", is inherently conflicting with this country's policies of non-discrimination because it singles out financially disadvantaged students for special punishment.

As well as being discriminatory, Public Legislation 97-252 is a blatant attempt by government to use the colleges of this country as a police force, the act of which is unthinkable. This must not be tolerated.

In defense of equal rights for everyone and the preservation of operational educational autonomy, we support the Presidents of the Mass. State Colleges and Universities and the Greenfield Community College Student Senate in endorsing a repeal of Public Legislation 97-252 on the grounds that it is discriminatory.

We encourage all students and faculty to seriously weigh the matter for themselves and act according to their consciences.

thousand dollars. The only way GCC students can get involved with a major musical production is through a collaboration of this sort. The only way many GCC students can see a production like this is if it is free. It should be clearly understood that ACT does not need GCC in order to mount major musicals. It would be a shame if one or two disgruntled people could steal this opportunity from the rest of the GCC community.

If any person reading this letter does not believe me, then talk to Merryl Sackin about theatre funding and production difficulties. Talk to the cast and crew of Annie Get Your Gun. Ask Dean Sutton, Dean Case, Pres. Provo, Dr. Ellis, etc. about the positive aspects this collaboration offers the entire community of GCC.

If the Drama Club gets only \$45.00 from the Senate that sounds terrible, unless you know that they only requested \$50.00. An excellent example of half truth. To boldly state that the Theatre Productions has mismanaged student funds is not only a direct insult to those honest and hardworking students and staff who oversee spending, but also a statement bordering on libel by both Mr. Stinchfield and this paper.

I would urge everyone to get involved in theatre at GCC, whether its the Theatre Club or Theatre Productions. Only by getting involved can you see the truth for yourself.

H. JAMES GODWIN  
DIRECTOR—THEATRE

Never forget what a man says to you when he is angry.  
Henry Ward Beecher, U.S. clergyman (1813-1887)



## To the Editor

While attending a conference on the Community Colleges and International Education, I learned a few things I'd like to share. The community college concept, which is a unique American institution, is becoming a very valuable export to nations around the world. Consortiums of community colleges are sharing their know-how skills as other nations attempt to duplicate our efforts to meet their educational needs for great numbers of people and to provide technicians for the economic development needs of the 80's. Community college has finally been recognized as one of the most viable places to educate our own electorate about the world so that the United States can make productive and constructive decisions on world affairs and increase global stability. Foreign student attendance is increasing at the community colleges around the country. More opportunities are developing for community college students to study abroad and receive credit at home, to work abroad during the summer, to exchange home visits and to travel with special student groups. More importantly, new emphasis is being placed on foreign language for all students and curriculum changes being encouraged that stress our understanding of cultural differences and similarities and provide for more understanding of the interdependent nature of the world and its resources.

At Greenfield Community College we are beginning to look at ways we can enlarge our students' learning opportunities to better prepare them for a world that must move and work as a cohesive whole.

For a start, we could all learn from the foreign students presently enrolled with us and set up a dialogue with them about their social and cultural backgrounds, discover how we are perceived by them, and learn about some of the problems they have encountered adjusting so far from their home. It might help us learn how to travel and study abroad as these opportunities begin to appear.

Have you spoken to a foreign student lately?

**Ethel M. Case,**  
Dean of Student Services

Education is that Which remains When one has forgotten everything he learned in school. Albert Einstein, German-born physicist (1879-1955)

People generally Quarrel because they can not argue. Gilbert Chesterton, British writer (1874-1936)

## To the Editor

"Well Red, I'm Mr. Patterson, what seems to be the problem?" the principal inquired. The slim red-haired girl's jutting chin dimpled as she tried to control her quivering lower lip. Here it was her first day at a new school in this new country, and she had already been sent to the principal's office. "I didn't want to salute your flag this morning. There are fourteen of my cousins buried at the Marne, and I think that it would be disrespectful to salute the flag of a country that still continues to sell arms to the Germans." Mr. Patterson patted her gently on the shoulder and escorted her back to the classroom. He explained to the teacher and students what was bothering their classmate. Until the United States entered the First World War, she maintained her determined stand.

That frightened young girl was my mother. From her, I learned the importance of taking a stand and more importantly, sticking to it, whether it is popular or not. In assembling information regarding student aid regulations, I was overcome with a strong sense of

## To the Editor

There is an attitude in this school which thoroughly disgusts me. Until now it was only disgust, but now I am angry as all hell. There was an article in the last issue of The Scarlet Letters alerting students to the mess which is commonly known as the cafeteria. I am not ALERTING anything to anyone. If you are a slob then you slob it. Nor is this a mamsy-pamsy request for students to keep their garbage to themselves. Apparently PLEASE is not enough. The signs in the cafeteria say "This is YOUR cafeteria. Well let me tell you it is MINE too. But this is not the point. In addition to having to search for a square foot of table space which isn't covered with someone else's trash, I have clean it up.

Food-hardened dishes filled with cigarette butts are always a lovely sight, right? How about smashed salt shakers with their contents mixed with soda to harden on the table? These are not exceptions. They have become the rule. I know. I am a work study student in the cafeteria. So why after 2 years of cleaning up your trash have I suddenly said "No, wait a minute, I am not working to follow you around and pick up after you"? I'll tell you why. Some jerk had the G\_D D\_M audacity to tell me that that was what I got paid for. Let me tell you fellow, and anyone else with this misconception for

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DEJA VU. The inequities that occurred during the Vietnam war were being repeated. Those that can afford to pay for their own education are not asked to stand up and be counted. How many of those names on that Long Black Wall in Washington would have been there if the discrimination in the drafting procedure that had not existed? The current student aid bill also discriminates on the basis of sex, since women were excluded from the requirement to register for selective service.

In the past twenty years, the country has moved away from the toast of Stephen Decatur—"Our Country! In her intercourse with foreign nations may she always be in the right; but our country, right or wrong." Our politicians have made a mockery of those words. To those who I knew personally who paid the Supreme Price during World War II, I'd offer my apologies (Especially to Teddy Conway at Normandie, Howard Hansen at the raising of the flag on Iwo Jima, and that forgotten young boy John Christiano, who fell in the previous police action in Lebanon), but I'm equally sure that they would have agreed with me about the way the system has been twisted so unfairly.

Jane R. Bensche

## To the Editor

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through which topics of the day could be presented for frank, rational consideration by all interested parties.

The Activities Council extended to our detractor the equal opportunity of presenting his point of view for public scrutiny.

It is the sincere wish of this writer that the person in question avail himself of this invitation so that it may be shown that this campus is an open and reasonable forum for discussion.

As can be shown from past events in our national history, the country can only be strengthened by an honest and ongoing dialogue by its citizens on the issues that concern them. It was this freedom of speech that first made America great and has allowed it to continue as the strongest and most dedicated defender of liberty and democracy on this Earth.

Arthur W. Cleveland III

Madam President—Female Execs in Academia

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# ★ Features ★

## Director Of Student Activities: Meryl Sackin

Suzanne Grimard

Almost every Greenfield Community College day student has seen or met Meryl Sackin, the Student Activities Director, at one time or another. The petite, sprightly brunette seems to be able to be in more than one place at a time: putting up posters, manning the voting table during Student Senate elections, and just doing what she can to make GCC a livelier, more enjoyable place. However, Meryl's life was equally active before she worked here.

Meryl is a native New Yorker, born in the Bronx. She attended Montclair State College (now a university) and New York University, graduating in 1967. She remembers, smiling, that she was a very busy student, "I majored in physical education, recreation, health education, and driver education!" After this strenuous schedule, one would assume that Meryl would want to settle down to a nice, boring job, but she went on to a equally active series of occupations, "I've taught physical education and health education in Patterson, New Jersey, I've been a secretary, and a counselor and secretary for runaway adolescents in a temporary runaway shelter in New York City. I've been in reservations and management at Concord Hotel in New York." One of Meryl's longest stints during her pre-GCC life was in a position which would be considered, by anyone who knows this cheerful, vigorous woman, as quite appropriate: she was a cheerleading coach for fifteen years!

When Meryl arrived at GCC

seven years ago, she held the CETA position of assistant Student Activities Director, until the Director left, leaving Meryl to take over the position she now holds.

As Director, Meryl coordinates and organizes all cultural, recreational and social activities on campus. These include, she says, "Clubs, commencement, concerts, dances, films, in-house publicity (which is really important) and novelty events like Lei Day (on which Hawaiian leis were passed out and worn by faculty, staff and students), the campus Christmas party and the Spring Weekend T-shirt design contest."

Since Meryl is so familiar with the various activities which take place at GCC, she has a definite response about the question of student apathy. She believes that, "Compared to other college campuses, we are not apathetic. Compared to other college campuses on the East Coast, we have the largest percentage of voters in the Student Senate elections by far. But it is still 20-30%. Apathy is relative."

Meryl enjoys GCC very much. The best thing about it, she says, is "The warmth and the friendliness, and the support that everyone gives to each other. I'm amazed by that and that's the truth." As for her job, "I love it! I love working with students because they are spontaneous and high energy!" As one of the most spontaneous and energetic workers at GCC, Meryl Sackin should know what she's talking about.

★★★★

## Displaced Homemakers Unite!

Carole Borges

The Displaced Homemaker Program offers a helping hand to women in their middle years who are seeking a career, job training, or educational opportunities. Their office, which is located at the Continuing Education Office (C224) is open from 9-5 every Thursday. A wide variety of services are offered such as individual job counseling, confidence building workshops and one-to-one assistance with resume writing and interviewing techniques.

This program is based on a model developed by the Women's Service Center in Pittsfield, Mass. It is funded through the Bay State Skills Association from monies designated by the State Legislature.

"Our Pittsfield service center was a tremendous success," said Lyndell Rowe, the GCC program director. It showed that there was a need for these services in the area. There are an estimated

4,000 displaced homemakers in Western Mass. Our center served over 400 women and had a 60% placement rate!"

The term "displaced homemaker" refers to a person thirty-five years or older, who has been a homemaker for a number of years, a woman who has lost her income through death or divorce or separation, or a woman who has been cut off from welfare or other assistance. She needs a job. She hasn't acquired the necessary skills or doesn't know how to market them.

"Displaced homemakers make excellent employees," she claims, "They have a lot of life experience, stability and an earnest desire to apply themselves to the job at hand. I want to visit local employers and open up channels of employment for these women."

Working in women's services is not a new experience for Ms. Rowe. She was involved in a women's bookstore and resource center in Denver. She has a mas-



Meryl Sackin: In Action

Photo courtesy  
of Locomotion Vaudeville

## Student Services

Ron Moore

Chances are, if you're a beginning student, you're struggling. Going to school and studying takes up most of your time and a part-time job may use up what's left. You may even be on your own for the first time.

Financial aid and scholarships may relieve a lot of your budget worries, but you still may not be financially well off enough to go out and relax in your (all too seldom) spare time, or you may

need help with your studies just to get some free time. It's not hopeless however; GCC offers help in both areas through "Student Activities" and "the Learning Center."

The Student activities office strives to keep students from getting bored by maintaining the student lounge, where you can watch television, play ping pong, or meet with friends. Student Activities sponsors free day concerts in the cafeteria, day and evening films, art exhibits, dances and the upcoming Spring Weekend. They maintain a typing room for that important paper, and keep battery cables in case you need a jump start on a cold day. Over fifteen clubs and organizations are classified under Student Activities, along with almost thirty other services. The GCC Health Service is also funded by Student Activities (see article in last issue).

Outside the college, a valid GCC student I.D. card, qualifies you for various student discounts—always a good idea to ask about!

If you have more trouble with your courses than in finding something to occupy your free time, or if a problem in your free time is interfering with your courses, a visit to the Learning

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# International Students at GCC

Darlene Clark

There are a number of international students at GCC this year. They speak a variety of languages and represent numerous countries including; China, Japan, Laos, Korea, Paraguay, Uruguay, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Bermuda, Brazil, Nigeria, Holland, and Canada. Puerto Rican students are included in the term "international students" which covers all non-English speaking people.

Foreign students attending college on a visa must maintain 12 credit hours, and to remain in this country must have all A's and B's. Whether an international student is a citizen of the United States or of a foreign country, he or she have many problems than an average student doesn't face. For all of them there is the problem with our language.

Sylvia Richards is from Paraguay. She came here after marrying a Peace Corps volunteer. Her biggest problems are dealing with cold weather, missing her family, and learning English. She speaks Spanish and Guarani. She is one of the eleven students in the "English as a Second Language" classes.

Another Student in the class is Yong Cha Royce, from Korea. She came to the United States to be married. Her hardest problems

too are reading and writing English. When she graduates, she would like to be a silversmith.

Thea Van Tulden was born in Holland. She has been an American Citizen for 16 years, but finds that she still has difficulty with the English language, especially in reading longhand, because of the various scripts that we use. She speaks German and Dutch as well as English.

Fernando Mendosa came from Venezuela. Although he spoke Spanish, Italian and English, he experienced difficulty in reading longhand and in keeping up with teachers who spoke too fast. He has learned to adjust to these problems and is now planning to attend UMASS for his Bachelor's Degree.

Evelyn Morales of Puerto Rico said that her worst problem was learning English. She feels that GCC should have two-hour classes, five times a week, in order to speed up the learning process. She came to GCC because UMASS is well-known in Latin American Countries and GCC's English as a Second Language Program is well known as an intro for those wishing to attend UMASS. Now that she has adjusted to life here (she likes it very much), she still admits to feeling homesick.

Charles Ononibaku of Nigeria is a graduate of GCC. Now attending UMASS, he speaks Ido, Yoruba, and English. While he was a student here, he wrote an evaluation of what he thought were the most pressing problems facing foreign students in a new country. High expectations by family and governmental authorities, our language, the self-denial that some students impose upon themselves in order to achieve high standing, the differences in the educational systems (we are taught to analyze while many other countries teach theory only), and lack of funds highlighted the list. When Charles graduates from UMASS, he will return to his home country as an engineer.

Esmail Banisaide, from Iran, speaks Arabic, Persian and English. He has already earned two degrees from GCC in Liberal Arts and Media Communications. He has had a very special problem. Since his nation's involvement in the Hostage Situation, his government has cut all his funds for schooling. Because he was here on a student's visa, he was not allowed to work to help pay off his tuition costs. By returning to Iran his education would have been terminated and forced military service would have been his fate.

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## P.V.S. Summer Institute

This summer, Greenfield Community College will sponsor an event that is a first for Community College education in Massachusetts and perhaps nationwide. Thirty public school teachers from Hampshire, Hampden and Franklin counties will be attending a four-week summer institute in Pioneer Valley Studies, taught by five members of the GCC faculty. The Institute, to be held July 4-29, is being funded by a \$79,320.00 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. It is the only such institute ever funded by the Endowment at a Community College.

The Institute will examine four areas of study, with an emphasis on their interdisciplinary connections: The art and architecture of the Pioneer Valley, Valley Writers, History of the Pioneer Valley, and Valley Geology. In addition, guest lecturers will discuss the political and economic development of the region, its folklore, and ethnic history.

Classes will be held daily on International Cont.

Without a means to pay his tuition, he was unable to obtain his transcripts for transfer for further education. The Immigration Department waived the work rule so that Esmail could continue in this country to complete his education.

These students and all GCC international students are determined, highly motivated and mature. It takes all of these qualities for a person to leave home and nation to travel to a new country, with a new way of life, one in which even sleeping habits are different and uncomfortable.

campus from 9 to 12:30. Afternoons will be devoted to work on individual curriculum projects for use in participants' classrooms and weekly field trips, using important sites in the Pioneer Valley for instructional settings.

Tuition for the Institute is being provided by NEH funding. In addition, a stipend of \$250 will be awarded to each participant. The Institute will carry six GCC credits which may be transferred by arrangement to graduate institutions.

Director of the Institute is Dr. Bernard A. Draveck, coordinator of Pioneer Valley Studies. A member of the faculty since the college opened in 1962, he is also project director of the \$261,197 grant award in 1981 to GCC for the implementation of the regional studies program.

Five members of the Pioneer Valley Studies faculty will serve as Summer Institute faculty. They are: Dr. Donald H. Benander, PVS administrative assistant, who will be curriculum project coordinator at the Institute; Diane Forsbert, Valley/American Art and Architecture; Cr. John Cazar, Valley/American History; Richard Little, Valley Geology; and Phyllis Nahman, Valley Writers.

Making special presentations at the Institute will be the following GCC faculty! Dr. Arthur Shaw, Valley Economic History; Dr. Herbert Steeper, Valley and State Government; George Bluh, Valley Ethnic History; and Wil Roberts, Valley Folklife.

The Institute enables the college to share its resources for the

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center might prove helpful. Located above the fireplace lounge (up the stairs directly behind the fireplace and to the left) the Learning Center consists of 3 components; the Counseling Services, the Developmental Skills component, and the disadvantaged student program, all of which are free of charge.

The counseling component is made up of five counselors who will council any student on any problem, either academic or personal. Also offered through the counseling component are a number of one credit HUD (Human Development) courses such as a Study Skills, Career Development and Assertive Training.

The disadvantaged student program deals with the most familiar form of tutoring. All the satellite tutors are connected with this program as are staff tutors covering business, liberal arts science, math and English and also engineering. Together they cover every course offered in the college. Tutors are available by appointment, although there is usually one available on a walk-in basis.

The Development Skills program is a group of courses such as Reading and Math 100 designed to help students brush up on the fundamentals instead of jumping straight into college level material. A student may be brilliant in math but want to review his English before taking English 101.

Life for a beginning student may be rough, but that doesn't mean you have to suffer. These services offered at the college can make life smoother.



**Deans List**

The following day students were named to the Dean's List at Greenfield Community College for attaining a 3.5 average or better for their work during the fall term, 1983:

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Thomas A. Eisenman  
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Lloyd B. Whitaker  
Kelli A. Willingham  
Steven Wilson  
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From Turners Falls:  
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**Deans List**

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Maryjane Sullivan  
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Ella J. Angell  
Elaine A. Fifield  
Harold Lier  
Lillian V. Rice

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study of the Valley with public school teachers. These resources have been developed through the NEH Implementation Grant and include primary and secondary research materials on the Valley contained in the PVS Resource Center.

Pioneer Valley Studies is the only regional studies program in a Massachusetts Community College. The new curriculum includes courses on Valley art, history, archaeology, education, ethnic history, folklife, geology, history, industrial and economic development, literature, and women's studies. PVS also has developed a Resource Center, promoted research on the Valley, and built special collections. The program offers students an opportunity to explore aspects of the regional scene to know the land on which they live, and discover its effects (past, present and future) on the quality of their lives.

To keep your character intact  
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time.  
Katharine Hepburn, actress  
(1909-\_\_\_\_\_)

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Dawn E. McAllister  
Annette P. Osborn  
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**PIONEER VALLEY STUDIES FALL OFFERINGS, 1983**

ANT 107	Valley Archaeology	(BC)	Inst: TBA, with Greg Vouros	MWF 1
ART 105	Valley/American Art & Architecture I	(HC)	Inst: Diane Forsberg	TTh 12:30
ART 201	Valley/Photography Documentary Project	(HL)	Inst: Tom Young	TTh 8-10
ECO 111	Valley Contemporary Economic Issues	(BC)	Inst: Dr. Arthur Shaw	MWF 1
ENG 125	Interviewing & Transcribing	(HL)	Insts: Dr. Don Benander, Dr. Bernard Drabek, & Saul Greenblatt	TTh 2
ENG 253	Valley Writers	(HC)	Inst: Phyllis Nahman	TTh 9:30
GEO 103	Valley Geology	(NC)	Inst: Richard Little	MW 2
HIS 107	Valley/American History I	(HC)	Inst: Saul Sherter	TTh 8
HIS 108	Valley/American History II	(HC)	Inst: Dr. John Kazar with George Bluh	MWF 8
HUM 113	Introduction to the Pioneer Valley	(HL)	Inst: Dr. Bernard Drabek	TTh 9:30
HUM 119	Women in the Valley	(HL)	Inst: Virginia Low	TTh 11

For additional information about these courses, stop by the PVS offices.

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## GCC Sports Update

Two teams from GCC have made themselves known this winter, proving the great athletic potential that our school is capable of showing. The Varsity Karate Team is currently sitting in first place in their division with a match record of 8-3. Leading the way for the Red Barons has been blue belt Peter Morrisey, who holds a fight record of 8-2. This season is one that the Karate team can be extremely proud of, for against all odds, in their first season of existence, they are the team to beat in this geographic area.

On February 27, the GCC toboggan team competed in the Annual Mayor's Cup Classic in Mirror Lake, Lake Placid, New

York. With only one day of practice, GCC swept the first, second, and third place finishes in this prestigious winter event. Team members Ralph Ellis, Pat Smith, and Keith Clark won the race in the Greenfield sled. Patty O'Conner, Smith, and Clark finished second in the Turners Falls sled and the third place finishers were Athletic Director John Palmer, Charlene Antonio, and Ellis in the Northfield sled. In the 3-man open, the Greenfield sled and the Turners Falls sled, both manned by the same team members mentioned above, took second and third place respectively. In the two-man open, Smith and Clark took second place in the Northfield sled.

## The King Of The Heavyweights

**C. Heard**

Is there a worthy opponent for World Boxing Council heavy-weight champ Larry Holmes? Are you kidding? Holmes is currently 41-0 at age 33, and is on top of the boxing world.

His most recent match was 15-round joke in which he battered Randy (Tex) Cobb in a one-sided decision. Holmes announced the week of Feb. 21 that he will defend his title in April in Scranton, Pa., where he began his career. This bout will be a tune-up for a May 20th fight against Tim Witherspoon; who? Witherspoon is ranked eighth by the New York Post's computer boxing ratings which boasts "we will continue to provide our readers with the best ratings money can't buy—the unbiased, unsponsored,

Computer Boxing Ratings."

Holmes's April match will be against the unranked Lucien Rodriguez of France. Holmes' wants this match to be held in Scranton, Pa., foolishly commenting, "I'm negotiating with local promoters in Scranton. If (that does not work), I'll do it myself, even if I make two or three dollars." Who is he kidding? The man is loaded, let him fight in Scranton. Holmes went on to say, "Even though I'm 33, I'm still in the prime of my life."

Larry Holmes is no Muhammad Ali but his record is impressive, nonetheless, and will continue to be the man to beat. You can be sure that people like Mike Weaver, Michael Dokes, and Greg Page will soon be knocking at the door, all wanting a shot at the crown.

## Zip Zaps

**Zip Phillips**

Spring training down at the Yankee Ft. Lauderdale camp has John Mayberry showing up late, with George requesting him to show early, and with a slimmer waistline. Big John complied with one of George's rules, but clearly is still in everybody's dog house. With first basemen Con Mattingly and Steve Balboni impressing Billy Martin with their play it seems and would appear that John Mayberry's Yankee days are numbered.

Over in Winter Haven a touch of sadness in their camp. It seems the players have to pay extra money at the hotel they're staying at if they have their wives with them. Now the really sad news is that the Hotel they are occupying is owned by Buddy Leroux; part owner of the Red Sox. If I was the Red Sox I think I would start a rebellion against Mr. Leroux. Seems Buddy likes taking these wild business adventures at the Red Sox expense; buying hotels and starting his own airline service. All this money he keeps shelling out for obscure ventures could go into signing free agents and winning the pennant, or even the World Series. Haywood Sullivan and Mrs. Jean Yawkey, the other two owners of the Sox, should get him the hell out of the club and fast. There's already turmoil between

the owners, and Buddy is the main reason.

The Celtics went on the west coast a few weeks back and almost didn't comeback alive. They won against LA in a good game where they played like the Celtics of old, but the team was a sad lot when they played San Diego and lost by 15 points. Then they played the Suns and almost lost that one too, save for Bird's three point shot at the buzzer. People beware out there that the Celtics are not the team of old. Something is definitely wrong with this team, but I can't put my finger on it. Maybe they're not motivated enough with Philly's big lead. Who knows what the answer is, but they just better be ready for the playoffs, or else the Bruins will be the only team in Boston to make it anywhere in post season play. Speaking of the Bruins, they seem to have seen hard times since Pete Peeters lost to the Sabres, ending his streak. They hit the road and as of this writing lost four out of five road games. In a game against Buffalo they led 6-1 early in the second period. Then all of a sudden the roof collapsed and they lost 7-6. Also, Montreal and Quebec are slowly creeping up behind them in the standings. We Bruins fans better start going to church more often to pray that they don't blow this first place that they've owned for so long.

# Sports

## Taking Two, Hitting To Right

**Christopher Kenny**

Due to the lull between athletic seasons here at GCC, I will stray from my usual format to dwell on a sports issue which is storming up the entire football world. Yes, dear readers, a brief commentary on the Herschel Walker Controversy.

Put yourself in Herschel's cleats. You're 20 years old, and some new organization offers you a legal, guaranteed annual income of two to three million dollars (including benefits) to run with an inflated piece of leather 30 times a week. Now, having grown up in an average, middle class family, you know that that kind of dough will put a few more steaks in the freezer than Mom and Dad had there. So, after thinking it over for about five seconds, you sign a contract, and a man-made canal of cash starts flowing through your living room. Beautiful, right? However, all of a sudden, people you've respected for many years, such as Coach Emory Bellard of Mississippi State, start calling your decision, "the single worst thing that has happened to college football since its inception." Forget about all of the publicized point-fixing scandals, gang-rape trials, and drug possession charges happening to other college football teams across the nation, for those happenings are merely child's play, just part of the game. Your "foolish" mistake to agree to accept 2.5 mil a year to do the same job you've been doing for the last ten years for nothing, is simply inexcusable. Getting the feeling that Terry Bradshaw and Joe Theismann are playing catch with your cerebral cortex? Think of how Walker's must feel.

Granted, the way that Herschel handled the presentation of his signing to the press was sloppy at best. There is always someone in the media who will

get the information a public figure is trying to hide, and then expose it, throwing the celebrity into an extremely uncomfortable position. This is precisely what happened to Walker, who, probably due to inexperience, was somewhat careless during the private proceedings conducted with the New Jersey Generals. Since his signing has been made public, all hell has broken loose.

When you stop and think about it, however, you realize that most of the noise is coming from the NFL and the NCAA. The NFL gripe is really summed up in a quote from Florida State Coach Bobby Bowden: "The National Football League has been honorable enough through the years to stand by and not take an athlete while he's got eligibility left. I hope they get this thing amended quick . . . how can the NFL stand by if this is going on and they're losing good players?" Personally, I think Bowden's bit about the NFL being honorable is a lot of raw sewerage. In the past, the NFL has had no competition for those high-quality players (with exception of the World Football League, which was time-warped in and out of lives in the mid-70's); for every college player's dream was to play in the NFL. We'll see how long their "honorable" intentions survive with this very-real threat to their existence. The argument of the college coaches is quite easy to understand as well. Do you really think these guys are concerned with seeing their boys getting those all-important degrees? If they are, why do only 29% of the players currently performing in the pros have college degrees? The coaches are concerned with one thing; their source of income. No talented players, no talented teams. No talented team, no fur-

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# The Arts Board



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## Stage Stuff

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Theater reminds me of spring. People with lots of energy, new activities booming, the cycle of life, good honest fun. "There's something wonderful about a theater," said a friend of mine recently. And it is true, there is a special mystique about the lights going down and waiting for the first prosaic line to be delivered. In theater there exists a dynamic bond between actors and audience. Radio, television, and often

films, cannot duplicate the magical spontaneity. Theater is purely live; contrivance is minimized and emotions are elevated.

So if you ever find yourself looking for something exciting and new to do on the upcoming warm spring nights, go see a play. You will be touched by real life drama and you may even see your friends up on stage. There are theater happenings all up and down the valley this time of year—step out and enjoy.



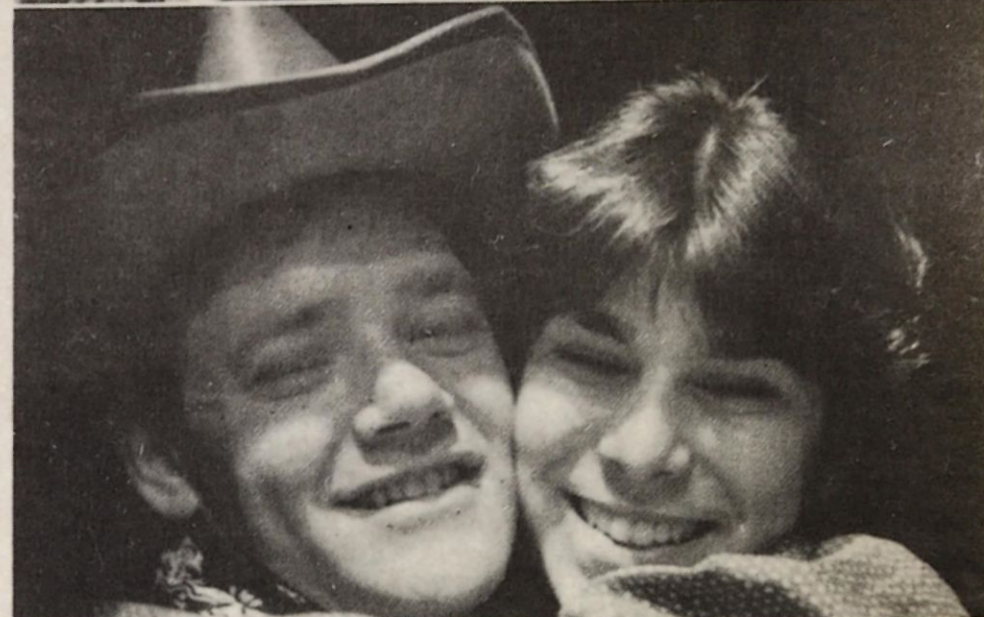
Annie Sullivan (Pat McDonald of Greenfield) works tirelessly with Helen Keller (Maura Gaudet of Smith College's Theatre 14).

### PLAY DEPICTS SALVADORAN PLIGHT

"I wept as I watched the unfolding of this story of a humble man caught in the inexorable process of liberation. It is painful to observe, and yet—paradoxically, a cleansing and healing experience," speaks Rev. Daniel Jensen of Maryknoll, New York. The

play, A Peasant of El Salvador, will be performed at the Holy Trinity Church in Greenfield on March 21. The hour long performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. After a brief intermission a discussion period will be held downstairs. Refreshments will be served. Father John Roache urges all to attend.

The highly emotional story of a



"Annie Get Your Gun" showing March 17-26 at the Deerfield Academy Auditorium. The show is a GCC Theatre Dept./Arena Civic Theatre collaboration, directed by H. James Godwin. Pictured above are cast members: Mac (Thom Lapointe), cowgirl (Betsey Egan), Annie (Cindy Turbert), and Frank (Al Williams). Photos by Lisa Westervelt

poor Salvadoran farmer is honestly depicted by Brattleboro duo, Gould and Stearns. The play uses music and mime to portray the 'behind the scene' picture of what is really happening in El Salvador. Written by Peter Gould, the story was originally in commemoration of the death of Archbishop Oscar Romero, who died in the Central American country three years ago. Gould explains "We created this play to give the Salvadorans a voice. We show the human feeling behind the news reports." One observer felt "outrage at the actions of our own government; compassion for the victims of cruelty."

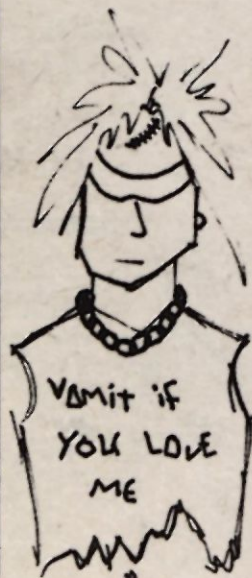
Continued US involvement in El Salvador's politics makes this play timely and educating. The play has been praised because it "teaches us more about politics, economics, and history than a dozen weighty treatises." March 17-27 has been declared Central America Week. During this time the performing pair will tour many major cities in the Northeast, including New York and Washington.

As a political comment and a cultural portrayal, A Peasant of El Salvador promises to be enlightening and alarming. It's an item not to be missed.

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THAT'S MUTE! DON'T FORGET IT!

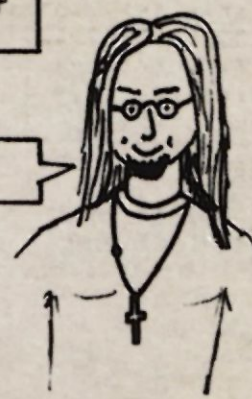
MY GOODNESS, WHAT WONDERFUL PROTECTION. NEXT.

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THEY LIKE THE DEAD KENNEDYS?

HA-HA. ANYBODY WANT A 'SHROOM?

THANK YOU LARRY.



Why did the punk cross the road?

Because he was stapled to the chicken.







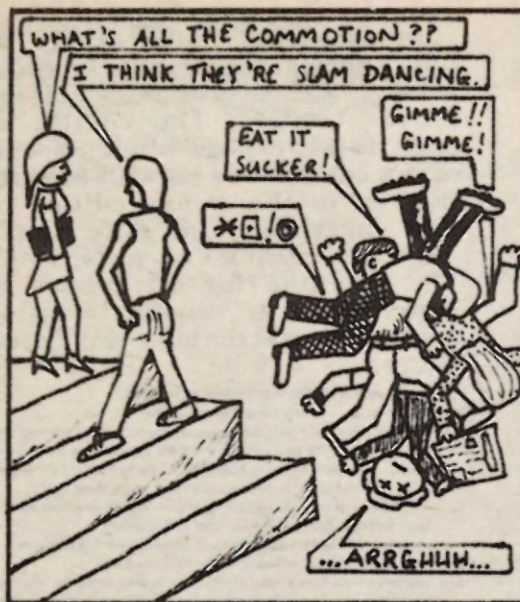
To the Editor

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that matter, I am not your mother. I am not your maid. I am not even your waitress, if you think I am then where is my tip? I get paid minimum wage to stock, slice, cook, and store your food. When I am in the dishroom I am there to wash you dishes. Nothing else. So what is this editorial for if it isn't to say please? It is to warn you. If I see anyone leaving their cacca on a table I'll chase them to the ends of the earth if I have to and they are going to clean it up. I don't care if they are late for class or if they have to catch the bus. If I have to I'll use the dish sprayer to get their attention. It won't be long before I am pushed over the edge. For those of you who are responsible for yourselves and act as adults by bussing your table, I give you a hearty thanks. Perhaps you could help me to keep OUR cafeteria clean by asking others to also pick up after themselves. Any and all efforts on anyone's part will make the cafeteria a decent place to eat and a decent place to work.

Kelli Willingham

I have found that most people are as happy as they make up their minds to be.  
Abraham Lincoln, (1809-1865)

**COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS**

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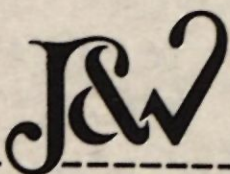
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**Hitting Right**

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ther employment. It's that simple.

As of this writing, (Feb. 26), Mississippi St. and Vanderbilt have declared their campuses off-limits to agents of the USFL. I wonder how long this ban will last as well, for in today's society, college football is really just a placement service for those individuals talented enough to make the big time. Those kids with the skills will simply overlook those colleges upholding the ban, because they want to make it in the big bucks, big business world of pro-football. Who can blame them, really?

Only a mediocre person is already at his best.  
Somerset Maugham, English writer (1874-1965)

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